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In re Application of

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Title: Device and Method for Determining

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(b)

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 CFR 1.313(b).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to Director, Esther M. Kepplinger at (571)272-2975.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the Examiner for action for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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